

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2163

By Mrs. Gomes of Harwich, petition of Shirley Gomes and others for legislation to require interior lights on motor vehicles to be lit when said vehicle is stopped by a police officer between dusk and dawn. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Shirley Gomes	Dianne Wilkerson
Michael J. Coppola	Stephen M. Brewer
Bruce E. Tarr	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STOPPING OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY POLICE AT NIGHT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 16 the following section:—
- 3 Section 16A. The operator of any vehicle upon a highway
- 4 within this state, upon the stopping of the vehicle by any law
- 5 enforcement or police officer, shall, at any time from a half-hour
- 6 after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise, display and operate its
- 7 interior lights until such time as the officer allows the vehicle to
- 8 continue in its operation. A violation of this section shall be pun-
- 9 ished by a fine of not more than \$100.